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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003,
please enter the following remarks. Reconsideration of the pending
claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first
paragraph, for lack of possession of the claimed invention. The
rejection is respectfully traversed.